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Applicant(s): Stefan Sanner)
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For: DEVICE FOR TAKING AND EXAMINING SAMPLES

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GROUP 1700AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 12 and 21 and add new claims 24-26. The new and amended claims are provided below in clean form. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims, including those added hereby, are provided in Appendix A).

12. (AMENDED) A kit for preparing a ready-to-use device for taking and examining samples comprising :
- (a) a sample-taking means (10) for taking a sample;
 - (b) a housing (50) with a cartridge (30) arranged therein, the cartridge being displaceable relative to the housing (50); and
 - (c) a testing means (40),